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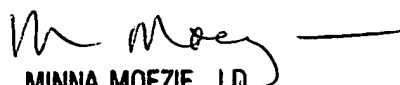
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1. The amendment filed on June 29, 2000 canceling all claims drawn to the elected species and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected species because applicants have elected species which are in a solid composition as recited in original claim 1 wherein the original composition recited the inclusion of: (i) an unsaturated fatty acid alcohol (ii) an alkylene glycol; (iii) a viscosity enhancing or stiffing agent, i.e., a waxy substance; and (iv) a biologically active agent. See the restriction requirement of Dec 21, 1999 and the Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment, page 3, paper No. 7, submitted January 4, 2000. All of the newly added claims are directed to a solid composition requiring the above ingredients as well as a plasticizing agent or oil, which is the same as the non-elected species in original claim 18. See the newly added base claim, claim 55. Therefore, all the newly added claims are directed to non-elected species.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shengjun Wang, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-4554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minna Moezie, J.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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